THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No. 12368 of 2007

Dated 14th June 2007

Between:

Ravada Venkat Rao

... Petitioner

and

The Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Rep. By its Secretary, Revenue, and another

... Respondents

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O R D E R:

Petitioner entered into an agreement of sale, to purchase the land admeasuring 119 sq. yards situated at Vepagunta Village, Vepagunta Panchayat, Pendurthi Mandal, Visakhapatnam District, from one Chevveti Sitalakshmi, who is the owner and possessor of the said land. It is stated that he approached the 2nd respondent, along with the owner of the land, for registration of the same in his favour. The grievance of the petitioner is that the 2nd respondent is not accepting the document for registration, on the ground that the Government issued a notification under Section 22-A of the Registration Act, 1908 (for short "*the Act*"), in respect of the land in the said Survey Number. This writ petition is filed seeking appropriate directions to the 2nd respondent, in this regard.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Revenue.

Section 22-A of the Act empowered the Government to issue notifications almost preventing the registration of documents in respect of the lands to be mentioned therein. Such a power was held to be *ultra vires* and the provision was struck down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***State of Rajasthan* v. *Basanth Nahata***[1]***.***

Once the sole basis for the 2nd respondent to refuse registration had disappeared, he is under obligation to receive the documents and consider the same, in accordance with the provisions of the Stamp Act and the Registration Act.

Hence, the Writ Petition is disposed of, directing the 2nd respondent to receive and process the document presented by the petitioner and take necessary steps, in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Stamp Act and the Registration Act, within one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

L. NARASIMHA REDDY, J

Dt.14-06-2007

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[1] AIR 2005 SC 3401 = (2005) 12 SCC 77